[9th October 1928

Railways

Alleged inconvenience caused by changes in train service between Dhronachallam and Kurnool.

*455-A Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that in the recent arrangements made with regard to the running of passenger trains between Dhronachallam and Kurnool on the transfer of the said section of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway to the Nizam Guaranteed State Railway, Kurnool, the headquarters of the district has been cut off from timely connexion with trains running towards the whole district east of Dhronachallam as also with trains that run to meet the Bombay Mail at Guntakal;

(b) whether any proposals are under consideration and are likely to be put into operation at a very early date remedying these grave inconveniences;

(c) whether in consequence of the existing state of affairs Kurnool has its postal arrangements disturbed so much as to delay delivery of letters from east and west by almost a day more; and

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative whether any arrangements will be made early to restore things to the normal?

A.—As the hon. Member is aware 'Railways' is a Central Subject. The Government have no information in the matter, but will forward the hon. Member's question to the Railway authorities for their consideration.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know from the hon. the Finance Member whether he will be pleased to make such enquiries as he may deem fit and find out the fact and send it up with his own recommendations?"

The hon. Mr. T. E. Moir:—"Any enquiry that may be made by the Government will be futile, if I may say so. In this question, I take it, the hon. Member has given points to which the attention of the Railway authorities will surely be drawn."

II

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

The Secretary laid on the table copies of G.O. No. 1465,[a] Development, dated 3rd September 1928, recording the audit report of the Government Industrial Institute, Madura, for the quarter ending 31st December 1927.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III

A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE COURT FEES ACT, 1870.

The House then resumed discussion on the Court Fees Act Amendment Bill.

* Mr. A. Parasurama Rao:—"Mr. President, the hon. the Law Member evidently has not realized how this Bill will act on the litigant public, particularly in the Ceded districts. In the first place, he proposes to reduce the

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